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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2015

DATE: October 26, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager
kschiller@washoecounty.us 775-328-2008

THROUGH: Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk

SUBJECT: Request by the County Manager's Office through the County Clerk, pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030, to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 45 related to integrating Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency, and direct the Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.040. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Over the last several years the County worked to develop recommendations regarding the feasibility of integrating departments of Social Services, Senior Services, and Public Guardian. In 2013 the Board approved the initial phase focus on integration of Senior Services and Social Services to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency to enhance existing programming and implementation of Senior Service's upcoming Master Plan for Aging Services. This agenda item is a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code to create the new Department.

Strategic Objective: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 13, 2012 the Board of County Commissioners appointed Kevin Schiller as Project Leader for work required to evaluate the feasibility of a Washoe County Human Services Agency that would integrate the Departments of Social Services, Senior Services, and the Public Guardian.

November 12, 2013 the Board accepted a status report and staff recommendations regarding integrating the Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency.

AGENDA ITEM # 10

BACKGROUND

Over the last several years the County worked to develop recommendations regarding the feasibility of integrating the departments of Social Services, Senior Services, and Public Guardian. In 2012 the Departments of Social Services, Senior Services, and the Public Guardian established a leadership team consisting of department heads and lead staff. Subcommittees were developed in the areas of Centralized Data, Administration, Centralized Application, Centralized Intake, and Case Management/Paraprofessional Staffing. The County continues to provide mandated services and shifts in programming to meet the ongoing needs of the indigent population. Pursuant to NRS 428.010, this mandate crosses the human services continuum to include seniors as the fastest growing population in need. A single agency will allow for centralized funding of indigent programs and associated administrative support required in areas such as case management, nursing, home diversion, health care assistance, and overall financial administration.

In late 2013, after reviewing the existing programming staff recommended and the Board approved the initial phase focus on the integration of Senior Services and Senior Services to create a Washoe County Human Services Agency to enhance existing programming. This agenda item is a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code to create the new Human Services Agency.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a request by the County Manager's Office through the County Clerk, pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030, to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 45 related to integrating Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency, and direct the Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.040.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation a possible motion would be: move to approve a request by the County Manager's Office through the County Clerk, pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030, to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 45 related to integrating Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency, and direct the Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.040.



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October 26, 2015

Nancy Parent
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Re: Request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code, Chapter 45, to integrate Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency.

Dear Ms. Parent:

In accordance with WCC 2.030, I request that you ask the County Commission to consider initiating proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapters 45 to integrate Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency.

On November 12, 2013 the County Commission was provided a report and approved staff's recommendation regarding the feasibility analysis of integrating the Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency. The integration of Social Services and Senior Services Departments to create the Washoe County Human Services Agency will require amendment to County Code Chapter 45.

Attached is a staff report requesting that the Board initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 45 related to the proposed changes and recommends that you direct the District Attorney to prepare the appropriate code amendments.

Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevir Schiller", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kevir Schiller
Assistant County Manager